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II Remarks

In the Action, Applicants were required to elect a single invention from the following seven (7) Groups of claims:

Group I, claims 28–29, drawn to a method for a painless injection of an aqueous solution.

Group II, claim 30, drawn to a method for tissue-saving injection.

Group III, claims 31–49, 52, 54–57, 78 and 79, drawn to a kit.

Group IV, claims 58–77, drawn to an injectable aqueous solution and use thereof.

Group V, claims 80–81, 84–87, 96–101 and 110, drawn to a method of reducing vascular damage.

Group VI, claims 82, 88–91, 102, 111, drawn to a method of reducing pain.

Group VII, claims 83, 92–95, 103–109 and 112; drawn to a method of reducing diffusion.

Applicants select the Group IV set of claims 58–77, drawn to an injectable aqueous solution and use thereof, without prejudice to the filing of claims from Groups I–III and V–VII in one or more divisional applications.

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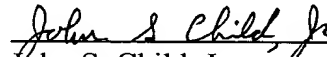
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III Conclusion

It is believed that the above constitutes a complete response and that all matters raised in the Action have been addressed. A Notice of Allowance in the next Office Action is therefore requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned about any matters that can reasonably be expected to be resolved in a telephone interview and are believed to impede the allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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